



Telehealth Parity

Overview

In his 2021-23 Budget, Governor Tony Evers has made healthcare access for all a top priority. By fighting for telehealth parity provisions, we can make sure every Wisconsinite is treated the same whether they receive an equivalent service in-person or when utilizing telehealth. Governor Evers is working to reduce the barriers to coverage for telehealth from both public and private health plans. He is also investing in critical infrastructure like broadband so folks from Viroqua to Marinette can get the healthcare they need in a convenient and safe way.



More Options for Patients



Convenient Scheduling



No Barriers for Transportation



Greater Access to Specialty Care

Covering Telehealth

- Telehealth can remove barriers to accessing care without increasing overall healthcare costs
- Patients can access mental and behavioral health services from their home more easily
- Telehealth reduces challenges with access to care caused by lack of transportation options
- Across the Midwest at the height of the COVID-19 pandemic, between 50% and 80% of medical visits were conducted via telemedicine, up from just 1% before it. ¹
- Governor Evers' budget proposal would require insurance plans to cover telehealth services if an equivalent in-person service is covered
 - It would also prohibit insurers from charging a higher cost-sharing amount for the telehealth version of that service, and eliminate the need for prior authorization to receive telehealth services

1. Epic Health Research Network, <https://www.ehrn.org/articles/telehealth-fad-or-the-future>